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OUR COVER

During August, the aviation units of the Kentucky Army National Guard became quite visible—especially to some people who probably would rather not have seen them. The aviation units once again supported the State Police in the annual Green/Gray marijuana sweep.

Besides the cover, we have devoted a full page (opposite) to the Green/Gray operation this month.

The cover photo is by Det. Claude Owens of the Kentucky State Police.

THIS IS FOR YOU

Members of the Kentucky Army National Guard have been busy during the past month from Central Kentucky to Okinawa. We hope the stories and photos we are publishing in this issue will give credit to the men and women involved in operations like the Green/Gray Sweep and others who have accomplished some outstanding achievements.

These stories are the kind of information we like telling you—stories about your fellow Guard members serving their state and their country and demonstrating their individual talents for the credit of the National Guard. Keep up the good work!

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By MG BILLY G. WELLMAN



Training Year 1987, an excellent training year, will come to a close on 30 September. To ensure that training readiness continues to improve, we held our annual Commanders Training and Planning Conference on August 28-30 at Trooper Island, and I shared with the major and battalion commanders of the Kentucky Army National Guard my guidance for Training Year 88. The direction we take will affect every one of you, so I believe you should know what is expected of each of you.

Let me first remind you that members of the Army National Guard are an integral part of the Total Force. It is imperative that we achieve a respectful mobilization readiness to ensure our ability to fulfill our role on mobilization. Training must be realistic, high quality, effective and to ARTEP standards. The senior leadership of the Army has stated that we must "Train as if this is the last day before the battle," because "We can't go to war without you."

During Annual Training 87, I was extremely impressed with the strong *esprit de corps*, good command and control, TOC operations, tactical movements, mission-oriented training, improved NBC proficiency and good planning. One of our weakest areas identified by the AT evaluation has been our maintenance program. Maintenance must receive every consideration as a partner with training. If we do not have a good maintenance program, we will fail on the battlefield.

Strong command emphasis during 1988 must be given to the area of maintenance, realistic training and execution of training plans.

Full-time personnel (AGR's and technicians) must provide assistance to the commander to insure that detailed planning is accomplished, which will permit better utilization of training time and decrease the demands on commanders during training assemblies. Planning must be accomplished well in advance. Late plans are often a detractor. Leaders at all levels must be actively involved in the planning to insure good execution.

I cannot over-emphasize that you are not simply training. You are preparing for the day when you may be mobilized to take your place on the battlefield with your active counterparts. There is no second chance in war or conflict. With the personnel limitations, budget restraints and traditional opposition to defense spending facing the military, each of you is vitally important.

While the tasks of recruitment, physical exams, weapons qualification and other support areas are essential, we cannot let them become a training detractor. They must be accomplished simultaneously while performing mission-oriented training. Under no condition should training stop.

We must also concentrate on a more disciplined maintenance program, in which commanders take responsibility while the users develop an owner-relationship and take pride in the maintenance of our equipment. Maintenance, too, must be simultaneous with, not an interruption of, training.

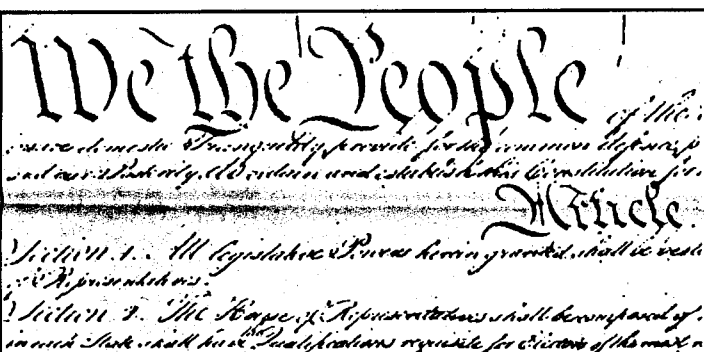
I have a vision for the Kentucky Army National Guard for tomorrow ... a vision which must include the details and execution of today's training to achieve battlefield readiness. The things I have outlined here for better training in 1988 will require a personal dedicated effort. All of us must be constantly aware of our role in the Total Force to provide a strong defense, to insure that we accomplish national security objectives, deter any aggression against the United States, protect U.S. access to critical resources and to insure the protection of freedom.

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THE ABANDONED DOCUMENT

This is another in a series of stories about the U.S. Constitution, which celebrates its 200th birthday this month.

"The Constitution is a guide which I will never abandon," said George Washington.

Our first president had strong belief in and sincere admiration for the Constitution of the United States. He would probably be shocked to know that many Americans today are not familiar with the contents of the Constitution.

When Americans lose interest in the Constitution, they lose their understanding of their government. Once we stop being required to learn about the Constitution, we allow its significance to settle back in our minds and fade with time.

Americans have allowed one of the most important documents that ever existed to become a stranger.

How many of us actually know, at the moment we are confronted, whether or not our rights under the Constitution are being applied? A few people might ask questions, but not many. Most of them blindly accept actions taken against

them. Would they do so if they knew their constitutional rights?

The Constitution also allows us to select different people with separate ideas if we don't like the previous office holder. Would we see change as quickly as we witness it now if we didn't have that option? What type of growth pattern would our country experience?

There are no absolute answers. But we must realize that a document written 200 years ago has managed to remain the supporting element of our nation in spite of our neglect.

But can we depend on that to continue? Our freedom of choice in the future might very well depend on our knowledge about the power of our Constitution.

Even if every American cannot remember the Constitution article by article and amendment by amendment, we should continue to educate ourselves about its purpose so that we will not lose our ability to choose good leaders.

You owe it to yourself to celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States by learning more about America's lawbook.

Guard Helicopters Carry State Police In Green/Gray Marijuana Sweep



LOW LEVEL - Skimming just above the trees at 60 knots, a Kentucky Guard UH-60 Blackhawk carrying Kentucky State Troopers scouts marijuana plots in Marion County. (Photo by Mike Lynch)

By Mike Lynch

The sight of Army National Guard helicopters hovering low over parts of Kentucky was common for several days last month as the 'copters and their crews went into battle--the annual battle against Kentucky's illegal crop of marijuana. For the second year, National Guard aircraft were used to carry State Police narcotics officers in a Green/Gray Sweep.

The flying skills of the National Guard and the eyes of the State Police have brought a harvest of 42,164 marijuana plants.

"You have to be proud to be a part of something combatting this problem," Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman told the crews at their flight briefing.

Volunteers for the mission came from HQ 35th Avn Bde, the 441st Med Det (HEL AMB), the 2113rd Avn Maint Co, the 718th Avn Co, and the 149th Signal Bn.

State Police Commissioner Morgan Elkins thanked the pilots and crew chiefs for taking part in the mission.

"National Guard members will have no arms," 35th Avn Bde Commander LTC Tom Quisenberry told them, "If we do have an incident -- get out of there as fast as possible. Don't linger around."

In fact, there were no incidents as eight helicopters left from four State Police posts in different parts of Kentucky on August 17, 24, and 31.

Six people were arrested during the operation and the State Police found several "booby traps" in fields. Some of the traps involved steel traps, boards with nails, and shotgun shells rigged to fishing line around plots.

Green/Gray Sweep II differs from the first such operation last year because it is being conducted in four phases -- the date and location of the last phase had not been announced at the *Bluegrass Guard* deadline.



HANDFULL - The size of these marijuana leaves indicates the maturity of the plants seized. Holding the leaves is Blackhawk pilot CW4 Ed Preston. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



HARVEST HELP - Blackhawk crewchief SSG Larry Slaughter (upper left) gets a hand from Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman as they loaded seized marijuana plants into a pickup truck in Marion County. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



UP IN SMOKE - A pickup truck-load of marijuana plants seized in Spencer County is burned by Kentucky State Police. Old tires and kerosene were added to the fire to ensure total destruction. (Photo by Mike Lynch)



AIRBORNE ATTACK DOG - Kentucky State Police attack dog Azaro and handler LT Paul Brooker fly above central Kentucky in a Kentucky Guard UH-1 Huey during training for Green/Gray Sweep II. Attack dogs accompanied KSP Special Response Teams assigned to secure marijuana fields once they were spotted from the air. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



718th AVIATION COMPANY SPOUSE-LIFT

It was "ceiling and visibility unlimited" for spouses of 718th Aviation Company members when three flights of UH-60 Blackhawks took-off for a helicopter tour of central Kentucky, Sunday, August 23.

The spouse-lift is an annual event for the Frankfort-based unit, designed to promote family awareness of unit members' responsibilities and the equipment they work with during IDT and AT. (Photos by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)

UPPER LEFT - While a Blackhawk runs at flight-idle, the first group of six passengers to fly in the spouse-lift prepare to board the aircraft at the Boone Center heliport.

LOWER LEFT - Nancy Oliver, wife of SGT Jeff Oliver, gets help with her shoulder harness from 718th crew chief SGT Chris Cutter. All spouses received a flight safety briefing prior to flying with the unit.

LOWER RIGHT - CW3 Wayne Ray and children Sarah, Heidi and Cody wave to Beth Ray as her Blackhawk prepares to liftoff. Each flight lasted approximately 30 minutes.



105TH PSC BIVOUACS AT EKWETS

Members of Detachment 1, 105th Personnel Services Company conducted a field training exercise at the Eastern Kentucky Weekend Training Site (EKWETS) in Powell County, August 22-23.

It was only the second time the Louisville-based unit had been to the field since it was formed in March 1986 and the first time to fire with its own weapons. (Photos by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)

LOWER RIGHT Getting acquainted with her new M-16, SP4 Theresa Taylor inserts a .22 sub-caliber bolt into her rifle prior to taking up a position on the EKWETS qualification range.

LOWER LEFT - SP4 Charles Sweeney takes aim on the EKWETS rifle range during the 105th August FTX. Of the 79 unit members participating in the exercise, all qualified with the M-16 ... with eight firing perfect scores.

UPPER LEFT - Receiving words of encouragement from MSG Charlie Richy (center), SGT Ralph Huffman (left) and PFC Joseph Heckert wrestle a GP small tent across the 105th PSC bivouac area while helping to get the unit "under canvas".



KENTUCKY GUARD SUPPORTS '87 BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES

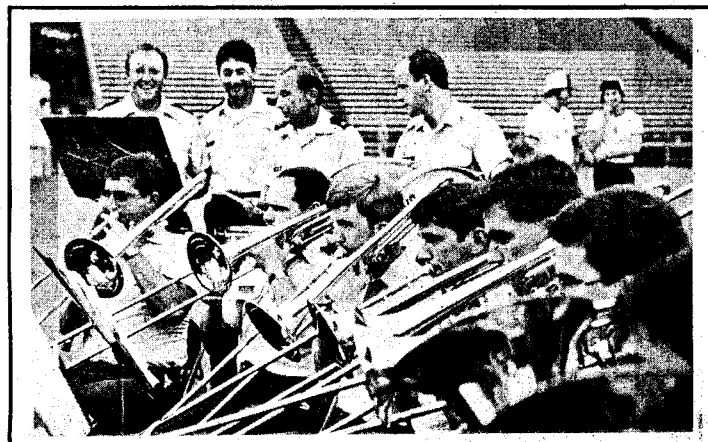
For the third year in a row, the Kentucky National Guard provided security, musical and ceremonial support for the Bluegrass State Games.

Fashioned after the Olympic games, Kentucky's version was begun by Governor Martha Layne Collins in 1985. This year's games took place July 31 - August 2 at Commonwealth Stadium on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. (Photos by Kentucky Department of the Arts)

UPPER RIGHT - A KyARNG color guard performs the traditional posting of the colors, officially opening the Third Bluegrass State Games on July 31st.

LOWER LEFT - The brass section of the 202nd Army Band warms-up at Commonwealth Stadium prior to their performance at the Games' opening ceremonies.

LOWER RIGHT - Military Police from the Louisville-based 438th MP Company assisted Kentucky State Police in providing security for Governor Martha Layne Collins throughout the '87 Bluegrass State Games.



PLATOON LEADERS TRAIN AT KMA

For those attending the Kentucky Military Academy Platoon Leader Development Course (PLDC) in early August, the field portion may have been carried out during the worst heat-wave of the summer, but the experience gained will now carry them, and their troops, through any environment ... anytime ... anywhere. (Photos by SGT Robert Hamm, 133rd PAD)

UPPER RIGHT - Land navigation was a major element of field problems encountered by the PLDC students during their training at Fort Knox. Here two students pause to plan a route through OPFOR (Opposition Forces) country.

LOWER LEFT - Shoot, move under concealment and communicate ... PLDC students conduct tactical operation exercises while wearing MILES gear to accurately record "kills" during ambush engagements with OPFOR units staffed by KMA instructors.

LOWER RIGHT - Taking time out from the heat, SGT Tammy Jones, of 307th Maint Co, grabs a drink of lukewarmwater during a land navigation exercise.



223rd MP's Take Over Police Duties in Japan for Two Weeks

By SP4 Laura R. Manaugh
U.S. Army Japan PA Office

During the 20 plus hours of travel to a country most of them had only read about, visions of a new mission weighed heavily on their minds. Their duties would be unique in many ways.

One hundred members of the 223rd Military Police Company, Kentucky Army National Guard, arrived—duffle bags in tow—and settled at Camp Zama, Japan, a place they would call home for two and a half weeks. The Louisville-based unit took over the local Military Police Detachment's law enforcement duties after one week of concurrent training with their active duty counterparts. For many of the Guardsmen it was a tour of firsts.

It was the first time 19-year-old PVT 2 Steven Lapoint of Bullitt County had ever been overseas, worked as an MP, or been on a mission like this.

"Ever since I was little I wanted to be a policeman," Lapoint said. "I was too young to go to the police academy, so I joined the National Guard and went to school to become an MP. With the experience I'm getting by doing this, I think

I'll be ready for the police academy in a couple of years."

The Guardsmen's first week in Japan consisted primarily of training, learning post policies and brushing up on Army regulations.

There was also lengthy preparation for an upcoming festival at Camp Zama, a Japanese celebration called Bon odori. Each year Camp Zama opens its doors to the Japanese community, this year bringing more than 45,000 people through the gates.

However, for the 223rd it would be an experience unlike a similar mission back home.

"It was almost like a church picnic compared to the Kentucky Derby," SFC James Lewis of Louisville said. "We're always called to help augment the local police with crowd control for the Kentucky Derby back home. Those crowds are big and many of the people are drunk. Fights break out and we have to be on our toes. It wasn't like that here."

Lewis pointed out that the Guardsmen found time to enjoy themselves during their tour.



Private First Class Mark McQueary explains the seat belt regulation to a driver at Camp Zama, Japan, during McQueary's two and a half weeks of active duty there. (Photo by SP4 Laura Manaugh, U.S. Army Japan PAO)

"The MPs here went out of their way to show us around," Lewis said. "They took us up Mt. Fuji, to Disneyland and some of the guys have been taken other places."

"They gave us the opportunity to see Japan, and we helped make it possible for them to have time off the road to train and take leave."

The National Guard MP's, in fact, were helpful to the active duty Military Police Detachment at Camp Zama in other ways, too.

"One of the National Guard sergeants is an expert with the breathalyzer machine," said SSGT Lisa Earwood, NCOIC of the MP traffic section at Zama. "We've had the equipment for some time, but we have had trouble getting the right training for it."

SGT Hobert Strange of Florence—one of the 223rd MP's who went to Japan—is a Kentucky State Trooper and a breathalyzer technician.

"SGT Earwood told me about her training problem and asked me if I would be interested in giving a class," Strange explained. "I was glad to help, and now her section should be prepared if they ever need to use the equipment."

Staff Sergeant Michael Board wore two hats during his two and a half weeks in Japan—one as food service sergeant and the other as an MP.

"In either job, I felt that I had to prove myself, because I was a National Guardsman. Overall, the people here welcomed us with open arms," he said.

The 223rd got a morale boost when their Commander-in-Chief, Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins, came to Camp Zama to see how they were doing. She spent the day talking to the troops and watching them work.

As their time at Camp Zama came to a close many of the Guardsmen looked back on their short stay with permanent impressions of Japan in their minds.

SSGT Lee Ward will take with him the memory of his governor coming to visit the 223rd while they were in Japan. For ISGT Terry Frantz there will be an everlasting memory of the culture here.

"I think climbing Fuji will be one of the things I remember most about being here. I had the opportunity to meet a lot of Japanese people and that will stay with me, too," said Frantz.

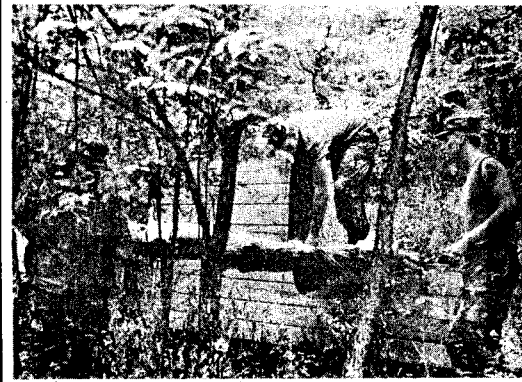


Governor Martha Layne Collins and CPT Michael Daly, 223rd commander, walk together during Collins' visit to Camp Zama, Japan to see the members of the MP company. (Photo by SP4 Laura Manaugh, U.S. Army Japan PAO)

COMBAT LITTER COURSE FINISHED

Following three months of drill-weekend work by Co A, 206th EN BN, the KyARNG Combat Litter Course opened August 1 at Boone Center in Frankfort. According to LTC William Robbins, S-3 of Troop Command, the one kilometer-long course has five obstacles and is available to all KyARNG medical personnel practicing to compete for the Army's Expert Field Medical Badge.

In photos (left and right) medics from the 475th MASH try out the course on opening day. (Photos by SSG James Gilreath, 475th MASH)



AIDS Tests for Guard Members Underway

By Robert W. Pillow, 133rd PAD

There were laughs and chuckles when the Army film about AIDS showed scenes of a young man driving through a big city's redlight district.

But as the film continued and soldiers explained to the camera how they contracted the fatal disease, the chuckling and laughing of the Kentucky Army National Guard members stopped. And the Guardsmen listened to how one soldier got AIDS from having sex with prostitutes.

The Guardsmen sat quietly as another soldier explained that he contracted the disease from sharing needles when he used drugs. No one in the classroom said much as the film continued with the soldier and his wife explained that their daughter was infected while she was still in the womb.

The conduct of Guard members in that briefing was repeated by others as they were told about AIDS before giving a blood sample for AIDS testing, according to the one of the briefing officers.

"It really does shock a lot of people," ILT Beth Roach, the Guard's state safety manager, said of the film after a day of testing at Boone National Guard Center.

Those who attend the briefings learn that not just homosexuals and drug abusers can get the disease which attacks and destroys the body's immune system, she said.



SGM Johnny Bottoms of the Recruiting and Retention Office at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort, received his AIDS test last month. Kelly Towles of Upjohn Medical Services administered the test to Bottoms and other members of the Recruitment office. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope, Jr., 133rd PAD)

"They find out that nobody's immune, just like the title of the movie says," Roach said.

"Nobody's Immune" is the title of the film which the Kentucky National Guard is using to brief its members on the disease. The briefings and AIDS testing have been ordered for all active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel by the Department of Defense.

AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a disease which can be transmitted through semen, blood, saliva and tears. No cure exists for the disease, caused by the human T-lymphotrophic virus type III.

The testing has been required because infected service members can neither be deployed overseas nor mobilized. Those with AIDS are not permitted to give blood for transfusions and medical services of the

armed forces need to know who could give blood in the field.

Those with AIDS should not receive vaccinations containing live viruses or organisms to prevent being stricken with diseases the shots are supposed to protect them from.

In Kentucky, Guard members will be tested from August through Feb. 15, 1988, by Upjohns Health Care Services. Members are being given the ELIZA test which used to detect the AIDS virus.

If the test is positive, a second ELIZA will be done on the original sample. If it is also positive, a more specific and expensive Western blot will be made from the original sample, Roach said.

After the third positive, the Guard personnel director, COL Larry Barker, will notify the state surgeon who will in turn notify the Guard member and his commander. He will be counseled and referred to a medical center for another Western blot to be performed by another laboratory, Roach said.

If that test is positive, an assessment of damage to the person's immune system will be made, she said.

Those who have AIDS will not be discharged from the Guard, she said. It takes about seven days to get the results to the personnel director, Roach said.

PLDC Stresses Leadership and Basics During 14-hour Days

By Steve Collier, 133rd PAD

"... Red Star One, Red Star One, this is Kremlin, over ... expect contact in zero-five mikes, Over ... Red Star One, Roger ... Out."

With that warning the five Kentucky guardsmen wearing OPFOR (Opposition Forces) uniforms slid lower into their positions, blending with the trees and grass so well that some animals of the Fort Knox forest

walked within a few feet of them ... apparently unaware of their presence.

The Guardsmen of First Squad, PLDC Class 5-87, approaching on patrol couldn't see the ambush until it was too late.

Without warning, a grenade simulator exploded in the midst of the first casualties the squad would sustain in the ambush ... testing the newly acquired leadership skills they had learned earlier

in the week at the Kentucky Military Academy.

First Sergeant Allen Kyle, leader of "Red Star One" (a member of HHC, 1/123d Armor) told the students, "We're here to teach leadership ... command and control."

Those leadership techniques had been hammered into the 60 students attending Primary Leadership Development Course 5-87 during the first week of August, where 14-hour days were geared to learning the finer points of being a noncommissioned officer in the Army National Guard.

"I don't want anyone to tell me this course isn't hard ... it is demanding--mentally and physically!" said SGT Tim Robinson, of Co B, 1/149th Infantry. "Using simulated combat, complete with MILES gear to record kills is the best test available, short of actual combat, to test what has been learned."

The chirping buzzers on the MILES gear, indicating a kill, provided an immediate reminder to those who had fallen short of their lessons. Of the 14 buzzers that could have been in the First Squad, only five were hit--this time. It was then up to the cadre



OPFOR AMBUSH PLANNING - Outfitted in MILES gear KMA instructors pick ambush sites during the field-exercise phase of PLDC. Ambushes were conducted to test reactions of platoon leader students under stress of simulated combat. (Photo by SGT Robert Hamm, 133rd PAD)

of instructors to tell the NCOs in their charge what went wrong, and what they might want to do next time, in order to improve the squad's effectiveness in combat.

"Squad leader, you need a little more initiative, you didn't take enough leadership with you into the ambush," said SSG Ken Phelps, a full-time instructor at KMA. He then told his squad how they must push through an

ambush, and that they must condition themselves and their minds toward the goal of accomplishing the mission at hand ... WINNING!

Fifty-five Kentucky National Guardsmen graduated from PLDC Class 5-87, and soon there will be others following in their footsteps across the rugged terrain of the KMA's tactical training area.



GROUND GUIDE - A UH-60 Blackhawk is guided-in by a PLDC student to pick-up classmates for aerial insertion into one of the Fort Knox field sites used during tactical training. (Photo by SGT Robert Hamm, 133rd PAD)

NEWS BRIEFS



WO1 SEARCY HONOR GRAD OF TECHNICIAN SCHOOL

WO1 Stanley Searcy of Frankfort graduated last month from the Wheeled-Vehicle Maintenance Technician School in Aberdeen, Maryland. He was an honor graduate in the class of 30 and Kentucky's first graduate of the school.

"It's made me more aware of what's expected of me," says Searcy, who works full-time at the CSMS in Frankfort and drills with HHC of the 206th EN BN.

The 23-week course included three phases, the first of which was the entry phase. Searcy says it was quite a change getting used to that phase in which the students had no privileges and had their hair cut to only one-eighth-inch length.

Searcy is a 17-year veteran of service with the Kentucky Guard. He is an allied trades foreman in the CSMS.

MSG PLOMSKE WINS TWO MEDALS IN BLUEGRASS GAMES

MSG Robert Plomske, Operations Sergeant for Marksmanship with STARC, won two medals, including a gold, at this year's Bluegrass Games in Lexington. Plomske, of Lexington, took top honors in the Centerfire International Pistol Match, Master Class, with a score of 559 out of 600. He used a Smith & Wesson Model 5238 Semi-Automatic to win the Gold Medal. He also won the Bronze Medal in the .22 Master Class.

He competed against 50 to 60 people in each match.

"The level of competition was tough," he said. "There were police and military personnel as well as civilians that were very talented."

Plomske's "master" rating is the highest skill level a shooter can reach.

He was a member of the 1974 Kentucky Guard Pistol Squad which won the National Championship and is a member of this year's squad.

CSM BAILEY RECUPERATING FROM HEART SURGERY

Kentucky National Guard Command Sergeant Major Robert L. Bailey underwent heart surgery in late July. Bailey, who has been the state CSM since May 1981, underwent bypass surgery involving five heart vessels. The surgery was done at Wilford Hall, Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas.

CSM Bailey is in good condition and is recuperating from the surgery at his home in Louisville.



HOLLON RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Chief Warrant Officer Hager L. Hollon, of Frankfort, was recently awarded the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal during ceremonies at Boone National Guard Center.

Hollon was recognized by State Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman for developing the state marksmanship program of the Kentucky Army National Guard, which is considered one of the best programs in the nation.

As a result of his leadership, Hollon was selected to serve as captain of the All National Guard Rifle Team which won the 26th Annual Interservice Rifle Championship held in Quantico, Virginia. The National Guard Team defeated teams from all the other armed services.

In civilian life, Hollon serves in the supply section of the Kentucky State Police.

Jeep Rollover Protection Coming

Rollover protection systems will be installed soon on about 20,000 M151A2 one-quarter-ton utility vehicles.

Because of a series of rollover accidents, the Army chief of staff has directed the rollover modification for vehicles of both the active and reserve components.

A decision in 1985, based upon a change in doctrine and the use of the high mobility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle, led the Army's top leadership to develop the ROPS modification for the M151A2.

The ROPS kit includes three connected rollbars made of steel tubing, seat/shoulder belts, side-door-opening nets and a fuel

system modification. The rollage is bolted to the vehicle but is easily removed for vehicle transportation or storage.

It will not be installed on the quarter-ton ambulance or the TOW missile launcher vehicle. The hard-top version of the vehicle, however, can be easily modified to accept the new system.

The new system will not prevent rollover, but it should minimize injury.

Thousands of the 'jeep'-type vehicles are expected to remain in the Army's inventory well into the 1990's, notwithstanding fielding of its replacement, the HMMWV.

August Changes of Command



TROOPING THE LINE-COL Maurice D. Farmer (center) inspects troops of the 149th Armor Brigade for a final time as brigade commander prior to change of command ceremonies August 15 in Louisville. Flanking COL Farmer are incoming commander LTC Ronald P. Woodson (left) and MAJ John S. Meyer (right), Commander-of-Troops. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



PASSING THE FLAG-MAJ John A. Vinson (right) returns the colors of 2/123rd Armor to Battalion Sergeant Major Noah G. Murphy after receiving them in change of command ceremonies at Ft. Knox. Outgoing commander LTC Jackie W. Jeannette (center) becomes Executive Officer of the 149th AR Bde. (Photo by SGT Bob Walters, 133rd PAD)